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The No. 19 women's volleyball team goes up against Utah State University today.

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BYU grads give movies a clean sweep

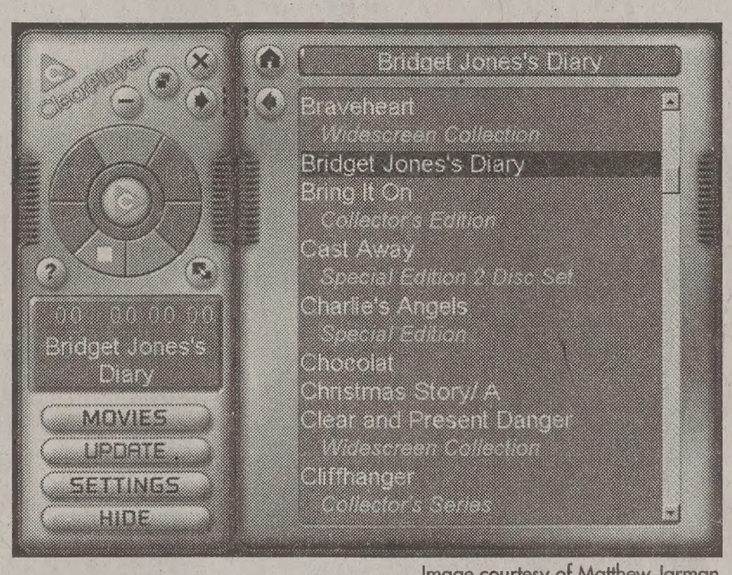

Image courtesy of Matthew Jarman

A screen image displays several movies available for viewing through the ClearPlay Web site.

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BYU graduates are working to clean up Hollywood — one DVD at a time.

ClearPlay, an Internet-based software service, allows subscribers to watch edited movies by downloading "navigation files" that tell the DVD-ROM player when to screen out violence, sexual content or profanity.

"If you think of a DVD player like a record player, it's like picking up a needle moving it and dropping it," Peter Jarman said.

Company founders Matthew, Lee and Peter Jarman — brothers and BYU graduates — worked for two years to perfect the technology that makes ClearPlay possible.

"We've created our own software for us to go through and map each movie, and then we have editors go through and tell the DVD player what to skip," Peter Jarman said.

ClearPlay is unique because it doesn't physically alter the DVDs, which means viewers can see an edited version of a movie they rent at any video store, Jarman said.

ClearPlay requires the intelligence of a DVD-ROM and Windows 98 or 2000 to operate, but can be connected to a regular TV with a cable.

It also relies on human judgment.

"ClearPlay doesn't automatically know what to skip — we have to create a navigation file for every

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Accessing the movies

- Log on to www.clearplay.com
- Register
- Choose movie
- Download navigation file for movie
- Play DVD

source: www.clearplay.com

Morgan Van Wagoner/Daily Universe

Shoppers brave the crowds the day after Thanksgiving at the Gateway in Salt Lake City. Despite the slowing economy, popular items are still selling out at local stores.

Hot holiday items go fast

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The economy may be slowing, but the most popular gifts are going fast at local stores.

Some retailers' entire lots of electronics, games and anything related to Harry Potter have already been sold.

The video games XBox and Game Cube were among the most popular items sold thus far, said Garth Lovell, Orem Wal-Mart manager.

When the videogame consoles hit stores earlier this month, hundreds of people lined up to get first dibs — with some people waiting 12 hours, Lovell said.

"It didn't matter how early they waited, we couldn't give them out until 12:01 a.m.," he said.

Jeremy Taylor of Orem said he was lucky enough to get his hands on one of the highly sought after Game Cubes. In fact, he couldn't even wait until Christmas to open it.

"I've been playing it for a couple of days and it's incredible," he said.

Although shoppers have already bought out some of the most popular items of the year, Lovell said the average purchase per person has dropped.

"I think customers are more conscious. They are looking at the things going on around the world that are affecting their pocket books," Lovell said.

Michael Ransom, professor of economics, said people have gone into a "save mode" because of the terrorist attacks.

"People have a less materialistic view of the world and are looking for more practical items," he said.

However, he also said the Sept. 11 attacks cannot be a scapegoat for all of the country's economic woes.

"The recession was already coming and I don't know if people expected much from this year anyway," he said.

Even though the Sept. 11 attacks have already affected retail sales, Rob Kallas, University Mall general manager said he thinks the attacks will not have as severe as an effect on holiday sales.

Alliance rejects security force

Associated Press

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany — The northern alliance on Wednesday rejected an international force to keep security in post-Taliban Afghanistan, saying the alliance's own troops were sufficient.

The issue of security is one of two items to be decided at U.N.-sponsored talks among four Afghan factions that will decide the war-torn country's political future. The other issue is an interim administration.

"We don't feel a need for an outside force. There is security in place," northern alliance delegation leader Younus Qanooni told reporters at the talks, which began Tuesday outside Bonn.

However, Qanooni said, if a more extensive security force is needed, it should be comprised of ethnic groups within Afghanistan.

The United Nations has offered three proposals for a security force to ensure peace in Afghanistan once the Taliban are defeated: an Afghan force, a U.N. peacekeeping force and an international security force. Officials have indicated that an international force would be the most realistic.

The United States, which has sent a delegation to observe the talks, has not taken a position on whether an eventual security force should be multinational, U.S. envoy James F. Dobbins said.

"Our understanding is not that they're refusing to discuss it but

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Credit cards not in near future for Cougareat

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Although the Cougareat would like to accept credit cards, the likelihood of that happening in the near future appears remote.

Acceptance of credit cards at the Cougareat is in the long range planning of Dining Services, said Craig Schow, assistant director of administrative services in Student Auxiliary Services.

But no one is projecting how soon those plans will come to fruition.

"It will happen," Schow said. "But we simply do not have a calendar."

The primary reason credit cards are not accepted at the Cougareat is that existing cash registers are simply incapable of accepting them, said Dean Wright, director of Dining Services.

New registers with that kind of capability would cost around $4,000 each, said Michael Nelson, controller of Student Auxiliary Services.

The Cougareat requires the use of 13 registers, so the bill for new registers could be over $52,000.

To convert current cash registers to accept credit cards would require individual phone lines at each register, Schow said.

Because phone lines used with the system would lag, long lines would form, he said.

For the Cougareat to build its own high-speed system to accept credit cards would cost $40,000 to $50,000, Schow said.

"It's just not reasonable right now when we have other options," he said.

But BYU may have a high-speed solution of its own.

The university is looking into creating a system where credit cards could be accepted rapidly, campus-wide, Schow said.

When BYU implements this system, the Cougareat will connect to it, he said.

But there is no date scheduled when this system will be carried out, Schow said.

Some say the Cougareat is not accepting credit cards because of service fees but this is not the case, Wright said.

Individual departments at BYU absorb their own credit card service fees as a cost of doing business. As a result, prices can rise

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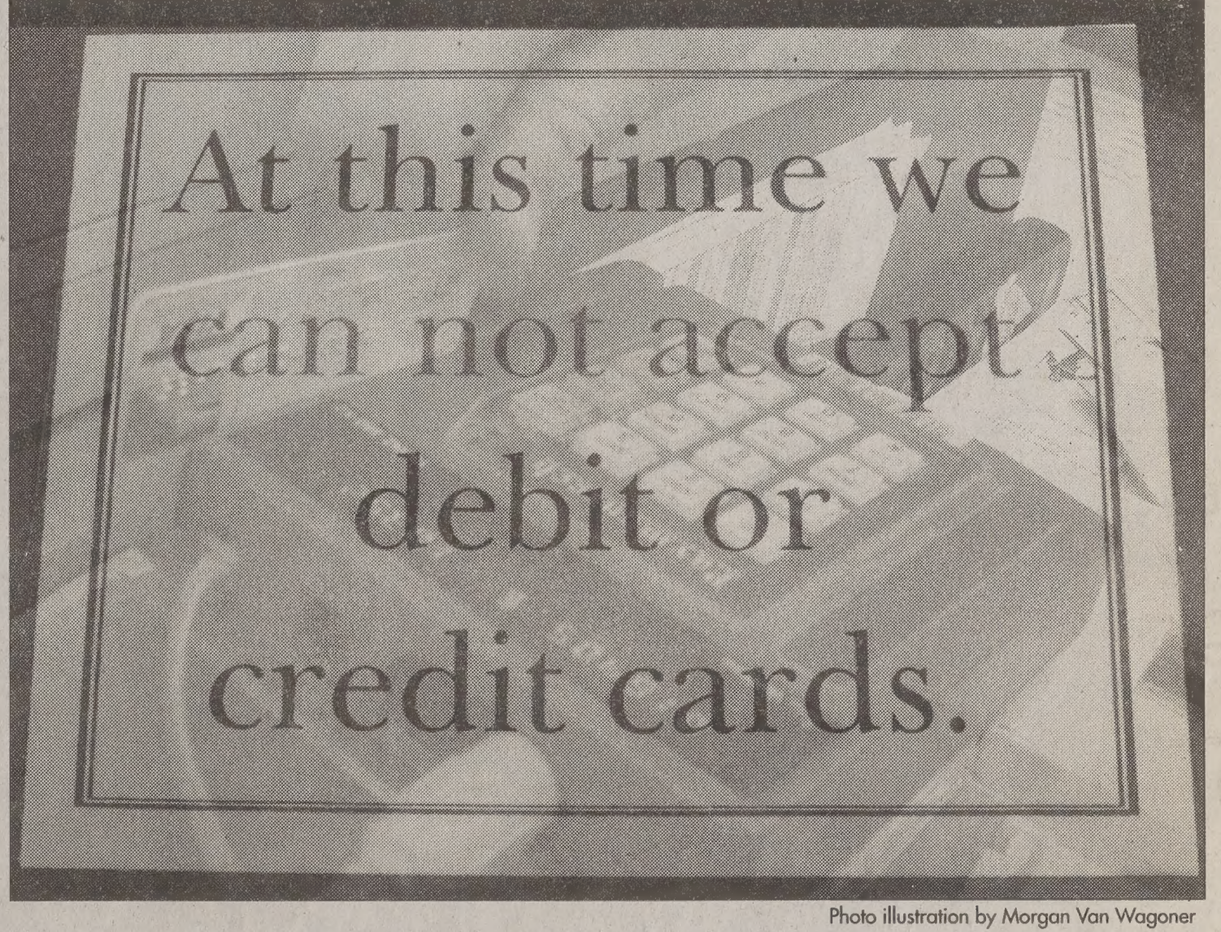

Photo illustration by Morgan Van Wagoner

An illustration shows the signs displayed around the Cougareat that prevent students from using credit and debit cards. Plans to change this policy are not in the near future.

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S. stockpiles allpox vaccine

SHINGTON — The Bush nistration signed a contract nesday to buy 155 million s of smallpox vaccine from a firm in case terrorists try to ad the deadly virus.

contract with Acambis Inc. ring the nation's stockpile to million doses of the vaccine e end of next year, promis- rotection for every American ld bioterrorists ever attack he all-but-extinct virus.

vaccine can be adminis- four days after exposure to pox, and officials have no to resume the routine vacci- ns of Americans that ceased 72.

government already has million doses of smallpox ne on hand, and each of will be diluted to create five , bringing the on-hand total million. Researchers are studying whether each dose be further diluted, to get 10 from each existing one.

—Associated Press

NATION

it may hinder sh's control documents

SHINGTON — A lawsuit Wednesday seeks to block ent Bush from implementing ols on the release of histori- cords that contain insights White House decision-mak-

lic Citizen, a consumer acy group, filed the suit in S. District Court, saying that . Archivist John Carlin fol- the executive order Bush on Nov. 1, he will violate 978 Presidential Records

's order gives former presi- more authority to claim tive privilege to withhold papers because they con- ilitary, diplomatic or nation- urity secrets, communica- among the president and his rs or legal advice.

—Associated Press

STATE

ator pushes ngress to fund h monument

tor Bob Bennett, R-Utah, d Wednesday advocating a at would provide funds to a new visitors' center at the nogos Cave National Mon-

ett told the Senate Energy atural Resources Committee ne current facilities are inadequate to handle the 00 visitors who visit the ent each year.

e destroyed the old visitors' 10 years ago, so the cur- itors' center is a 60-foot by t doublewide trailer.

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Pope: cloning threatens human dignity

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II emphasized the Vatican's condemnation of human embryo cloning on Wednesday by criticizing scientific experiments that threaten the dignity of a human life.

The pontiff urged doctors attending his weekly public audience to "defend without compromise life and the dignity of people, operating with respect to moral law."

"True humanism can never allow methods and experiments" that constitute threats against life, he said.

His comments came two days after the Vatican condemned reports that scientists in the United States had cloned a six-cell embryo.

The scientists said they have no desire to create babies but only to create embryos as a way to obtain stem cells to fight disease.

The Vatican said promises of such "sensational" cures from cloning didn't justify the experiments.

Vatican teaching holds that life begins at conception.

Senate wrangles over farm subsidies

WASHINGTON — While a Democratic-backed overhaul of farm subsidies waits in the Senate, President Bush called for "generous but affordable" farm legislation Wednesday that adheres to budget limits and gives farmers a safety net without sparking crop overproduction.

Separately, his agriculture secretary said the Democrats' bill, which Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle planned to bring to a vote late this week or next week, could not only cause such overproduction but also drive down commodity prices.

"This creates pressure for more government payments, thereby creating a self-defeating and ultimately unsustainable cycle," said Agriculture Secretary Anne Veneman.

The pair's comments to a farm convention meeting in Washington marked the Bush administration's first substantive comments on the Senate farm bill, which faces a Republican filibuster.

Failed merger triggers company failure

HOUSTON — Energy giant Enron Corp. teetered toward bankruptcy Wednesday after its smaller rival, Dynegy Inc., called off its planned $8.4 billion acquisition of the energy giant.

Dynegy officials announced their decision shortly after two agencies downgraded Enron's credit rating to junk status — triggering an obligation to immediately repay billions of dollars in debt that the once-mighty energy trader probably doesn't have the money to cover.

The dire situation left Enron, the seventh largest U.S. company in terms of revenue, facing almost certain bankruptcy, analysts said.

"It's the end of Enron, no question about it," said Gordon Howald, an analyst at Credit Lyonnais Securities in New York. "I don't know who else could step in."

Enron shares plunged $3.33, or 81 percent to 78 cents on the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday; less than a year ago, they were trading at $84.87.

D-day museum opens in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — The National D-day Museum opens its new Pacific wing on Dec. 7 and, against a backdrop of the war in Afghanistan, organizers expect the ceremonies to be more of a spectacle than the opening of the museum itself was.

The Pacific wing's opening comes on the 60th anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, which has drawn many comparisons with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C.

"The Sept. 11 attacks have heightened Americans' awareness of Dec. 7 in a way no one could have anticipated last summer," museum President Nick Mueller said.

"There's a sense of unity and coming together we probably haven't seen since 1941," he said.

Correction

In Wednesday's campus calender, the time for the BYU vs. Mississippi State football game was incorrect. The correct time is 7 p.m. CST on ESPN2.

Weather

Yesterday		Today	Friday
High	32 as of		
Low	28 5 p.m.		
Precipitation			
Yesterday	0"		
Month to date	2.54"		
Year to date	9.65"		
		Snow	Cloudy
		High 36	High 33
		Low 26	Low 22

sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day

"Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

— Psalms 100:3-4

Aaron Nackos, a senior from Idaho Falls, Idaho majoring in chemical engineering, likes this scripture because "I am reminded of how blessed I am and that such blessings come from the Lord."

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Utah copper mine hacks work force

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Tractors and other mining vehicles line the Kennecott Copper Mine. Kennecott announced Tuesday it will cut more jobs by January.

One of the two man-made structures visible from outer space is downsizing — metaphorically if not physically.

While the Great Wall of China stands supreme, Kennecott Copper Mine in Magna, Salt Lake County, announced Tuesday its work force will drop from 2,300 to 1,800 by January, said Louis Cononelos, Kennecott spokesman.

The company has initiated layoffs due to the falling prices on the international market, he said.

"Because copper is used in such a variety of mediums, the prices for copper become reflective of the economy," Cononelos said. "The world economy is soft, creating an oversupply of copper on the international market. This is making most other copper companies shut down or downsize."

Aramco, a copper mine in Nevada, has shut down in response to the plummeting value of copper, said Doug Driesner, director of mining services for Nevada Department of Business and Industry.

Kennecott's response to the faltering economy has been to reduce costs and improve efficiencies, Cononelos said.

Reducing costs have included contracting out maintenance work, which will affect 150 positions starting in January.

Kennecott dismissed 235 workers in June when it temporarily closed one of its concentrators, Cononelos said. Kennecott n announced the concentra would be permanently closed.

Although Kennecott's layo will not greatly impact Uta economy, these layoffs accom ny the loss of other j statewide, said Ken Jensen, s ior economist for the Workfo Services Department.

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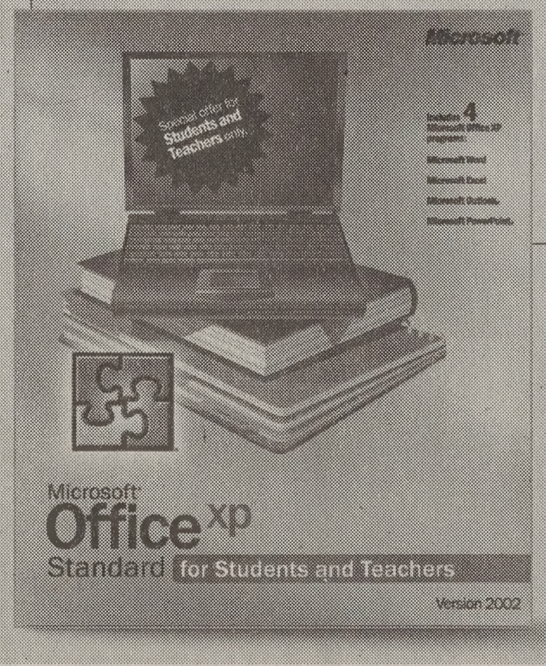

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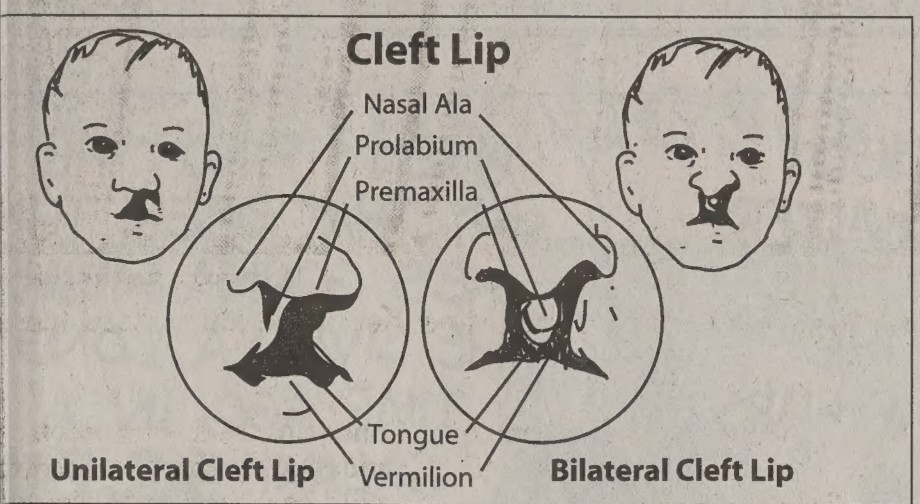
Utah cleft palate rate among highest in nation



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Local researchers to explore the causes of birth defect

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Utah has one of the highest rates of cleft lip and cleft palate birth defects in the nation.

According to Utah Birth Network Director Marcia Feldkamp, Utah babies have this defect 2.2 times per every 1,000 babies. Nationally, the defect is seen only 1.7 times.

In an effort to determine what factors may be attributing to this higher rate, members of the Birth Network and researchers from the University of Utah, Utah State University and Johns Hopkins University will be conducting experiments over the next five years.

Ron Munger, a professor at Utah State University, will be leading a team to study what nutritional factors may be causing cleft birth defects.

Munger said he is particularly interested in researching the role of folic acid as a preventive medicine.

Daniel Koski, a foundation assistant at the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association, said although use of folic acid has not been shown to directly affect cleft birth defects, it has been prescribed as a preventative measure for other forms of common birth defects.

Cleft lip and cleft palate deformities are the fourth most frequent birth defects in the U.S., Koski said.

More than 5,000 are born each year with the defect that creates a separation in the upper lip or in the roof of the mouth.

Many children born with the defect have trouble with feeding, due to lack of suction ability in the mouth and often encounter speech problems during development.

"Typically, the medical aspects are not a major problem," Koski said. "It's more the cosmetic, psychological and social problems they experience as they grow up. They definitely have a facial difference."

The physical aspect of the defect can be repaired by a surgical procedure that usually takes three months for lip repair, and over a year for palatal repair, Koski said. Patients usually require follow-up surgeries and speech language therapy as well.

"It's anything but a simple, quick surgical operation," Koski said.

The Utah research team, called the Utah Child and Family Health Study, is being funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research.

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Woman helps sufferers heal from emotional scars

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...has been 27 years since Kim ...ews had surgery to correct a ... defect known as cleft lip ...palate.

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... Andrews, this difference ...s in the form of a face with... noticeable cheekbones and a ...ruding jawbone, as well as ...car above her lip.

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...wing up, Andrews said she ...teased a lot because of the ...her face looked. As a result, ...as spent years trying to get ...her shyness.

...reover, Andrews often found ...nental capabilities ques...d simply because of her out... abnormality. As a child, she ...given psychological tests to ...mine whether she had men...rth defects in addition to her clefts, because it was never treated as a bad thing or a source of trauma.

"The cleft has been a non-issue in their lives, and so it has never been a target either," she said.

Many cleft children will have more than 20 surgeries while they are young, which means they have a "different face looking back from the mirror" every time they get back from the hospital, Green said.

For Andrews, the emotional distress caused by the cleft has been healing over the years and was enormously aided by the Internet.

Due to her self-consciousness about her appearance, Andrews made friends over the Internet more than in person. Andrews even met her husband over the Internet.

Andrews started a Web site dedicated to sharing her story and helping other people with clefts.

"Since I've never had a problem talking about it, I thought that I could help people that may think that they are the only ones with the problem," she said. "I think it has really helped people."

...uess it was well meaning, ...wish there wasn't the natu...ssumption that if there is ...thing wrong with my face ...there must be something ...g with my mind as well," ...ews said.

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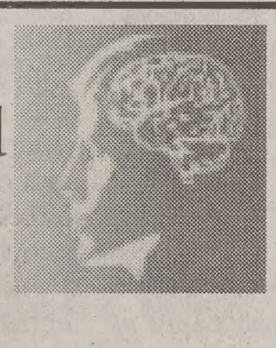

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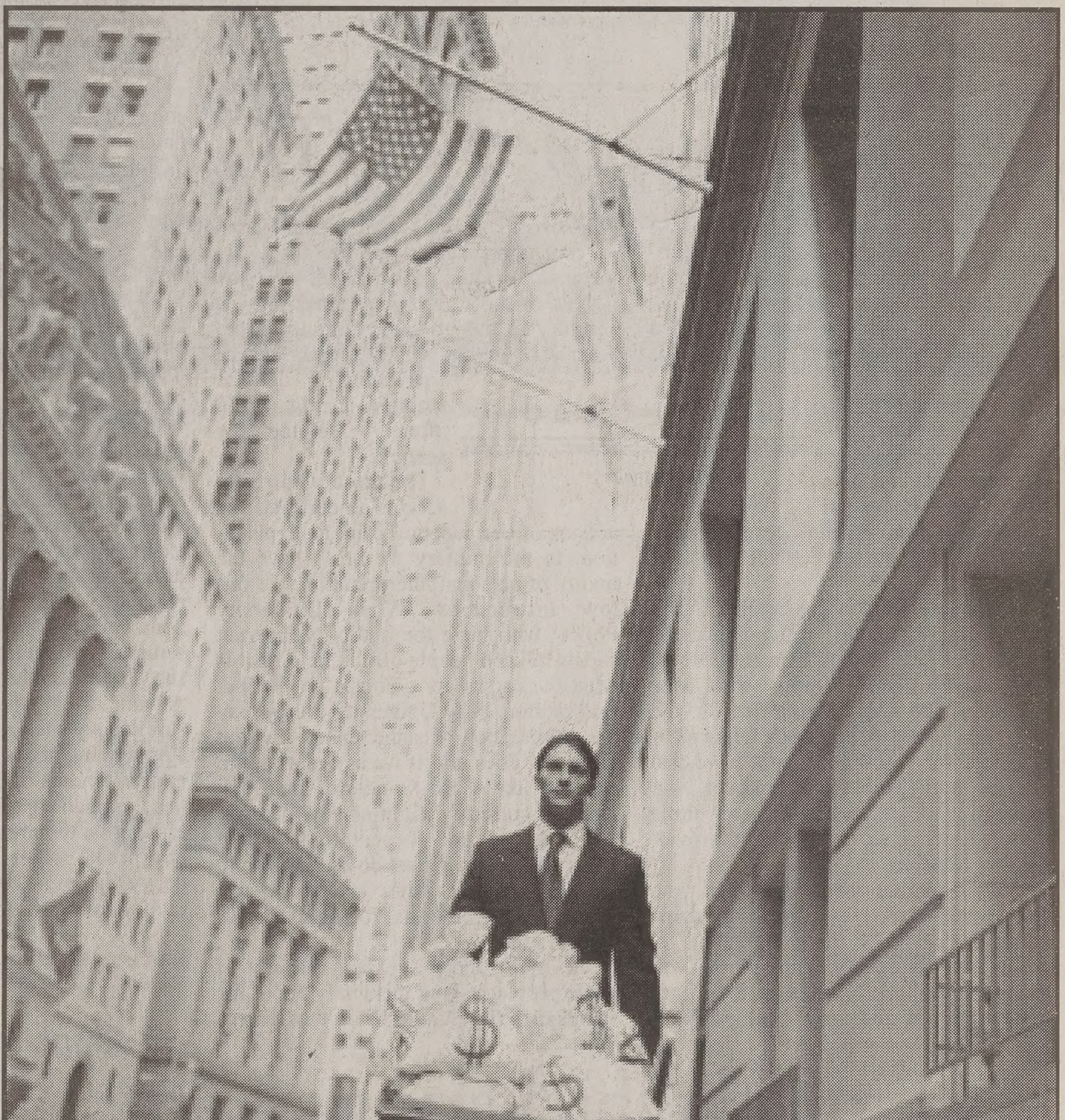

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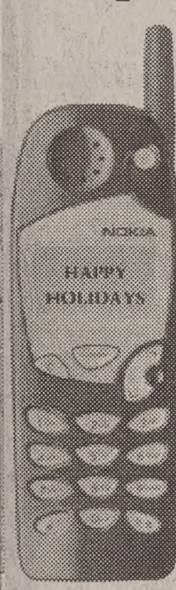

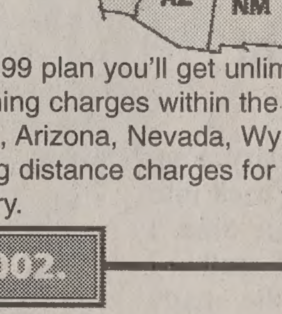

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An undoubted majority of BYU students breathed a sigh of relief last week when the university announced that undergraduate and graduate tuition will not increase for the 2002-2003 school year, in light of the nationwide economic slump.

Nonetheless, the university is not a bottomless pit of money and resources, and we as students should not treat it as such. We have a responsibility to show gratitude for this tuition freeze by finding ways to conserve resources, thus giving back to the university that has given so much to us.

Most students are not in a position to donate thousands of dollars to the university, but we are by no means helpless to contribute in other ways.

There are a number of simple actions students can take to minimize university costs. We can pick up trash in classrooms and around campus. We can turn off lights when leaving classrooms at the end of the day. We can treat equipment as if it belonged to us and not an insurance company with endless resources.

Especially at this time of the year, students can save university costs by avoiding tracking mud into buildings. We can shake the snow off of our umbrellas outside, rather than inside, buildings. We can leave doors closed, thus keeping expensive heating costs to a minimum.

We can, in the spirit of the Christmas season, work to be selfless and even clean up after other students in the Cougareat Food Court, in classrooms and around campus.

And of course, we at NewsNet can't pass up the opportunity to mention that students often leave copies of The Daily Universe on classroom floors and on sidewalks near newsstands. We urge students to be conscientious in recycling both newspapers and their inserts, rather than simply leaving them near newsstands or on the floor. There are recycling bins next to every major newsstand on campus, so if there is any portion of the paper students don't want, they can easily drop it in.

NewsNet would certainly never discourage students from leaving copies of the paper on top of their desks for the reading enjoyment of other students. We do not, of course, want to throw away perfectly good newspapers. But once the papers have hit the floor, they are most likely ready to be retired in the nearest newspaper recycling bin.

These are just a few ways we can contribute to the university that is working hard to keep our costs down. According to the College Board's 2000-2001 survey, the average yearly cost at a four-year private college is $17,123, but BYU's undergraduate tuition is frozen at $1,530 per semester.

We encourage students to show their gratitude by working to conserve resources and save money. The more we as a BYU community do, the more money the university can put toward other educational resources.

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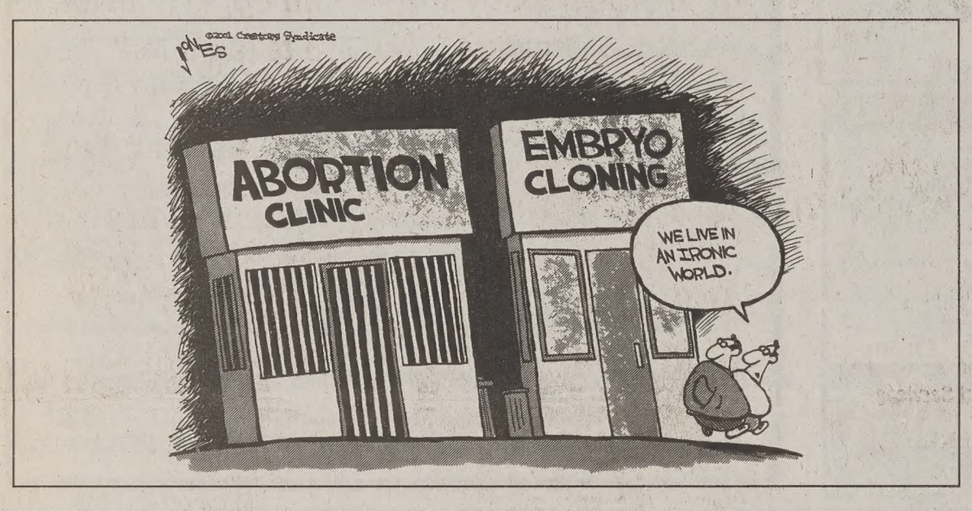

AT THIS POINT WE'VE ALL USED THE LUKE STALEY/ LUKE SKYWALKER METAPHOR; BUT WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE GUYS? DOES THE WHOLE TEAM FIT INTO A STAR WARS ANALOGY? LET'S SEE...
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PAUL WALKENHORST AS "CHEWBAKENHORST"
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BRANDON DOMAN AS "BRAN DOMO"
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JUSTIN ENA AS... WELL- "PRINCESS ENA"

VIEWPOINTS

Retain respect for ROTC

This is in response to the recent attacks in this paper against BYU's ROTC program, one in particular which said, "If the ROTC feels the need for combat action, let them sign up for active duty in Afghanistan, otherwise stick to the pushups, ROTC."

Dan Reed
Sandy

As an American soldier who faces the possibility of deployment overseas, I cannot help but take offense at these words from people who apparently don't know when to keep their mouths shut.

Tossing around the word combat as if it is a small thing is a sign of ignorance and immaturity. The fact of the matter is there are many on this campus who have already made the commitment to go when and where we are needed. It is inappropriate for you who do not have that kind of courage to thank God for your freedom while at the same time insulting those who dedicate their lives to providing that freedom.

I might remind the young man who wrote that letter (I use the term "man" loosely) that it is these same ROTC cadets you so openly despise who will spend a significant portion of their lives protecting you and your families. Wise up! Obviously events at the football game got out of hand. But placing blame on those who sought to enforce the law instead of those who were breaking it is contrary to the principles of the gospel and just plain dumb. The "everybody else was doing it" defense stopped being valid after elementary school.

For those who really seek to understand the actions of our cadets, I offer an explanation. In the military we don't have the luxury of personal interpretation. We follow instructions. When University Police, who have the authority, instruct cadets to keep people off the field, that is what the cadets are going to do. Period. End of story. The University Police may have the option of standing idly by, but the Army does not. If we as cadets are to become like those wonderful men and women currently fighting the war in Afghanistan, and I personally know many of them, we must do as they would do. They follow orders and so do we. Mock that all you want. You do so to your own disgrace.

One more thing — when did any of those people rushing recklessly out of the stands earn the right to be on that field?

Stop the bickering

In response to the reactions to the Army ROTC fiasco at the BYU-Utah game, I have only one thing to say. Wake up!

Wake up to the fact that all parties involved were in the wrong in some way or another. There seems to be an awful lot of blame pointed at the "over-enthusiastic" cadets, the "lawbreaking" fans, and the "ignorant" police. Who cares? Wrongs were perpetrated by all. All should be apologetic. No matter how much we justify what went on, whether or not "we were untrained in crowd control," or "everybody was storming the field" or "we have not received any formal complaints," we need to take responsibility for our own self, and our own actions. Furthermore, we all should be forgiving of one another.

Reese Bryant
Springville

Wake up to the source of all this bickering. We shouldn't have to go back to primary to understand that contention is of the devil. To sit and banter about trivial details only allows the adversary to enter into our halls and our hearts with the greatest of ease.

Wake up to what this university is really about. I rarely see an editorial which expresses appreciation for the Army and Air Force Cadets who raise and lower the flag at the ASB everyday, or the grounds crew who beautify our campus, or the custodians who clean our classrooms and restrooms, or the University Police and student security who protect our assets and personnel. I have yet to see an editorial praising BYU students and faculty for being good, solid, worthy men and women. I only see editorials that are based on trivia or controversy.

We are part of a truly special school. I love BYU. We shouldn't let mistakes made tear down what we have. We are above that. Often, it is not what happens that counts, but how we react to it.

READERS' FORUM

Pray for crash survivor

Dear Editor,

In The Daily Universe Tuesday, there was a notice that Jody Beecroft, a BYU student, and his wife Rachel were killed in a car accident Friday. Their 18-month-old daughter survived, uninjured. I didn't know the Beecrofts, but as the father of a 14-month-old girl, I was struck by what a horrible tragedy this is. I ask all BYU students to take a minute today to pray for this little girl and those who will care for her. May God be with them during this difficult time and in the future.

Steve Vaisey
Fairport, N.Y.

Decrease workload

Dear Editor,

The issue has recently arisen concerning the workload students must carry at BYU, and I feel the need to add my voice to the discussion. Some have come out and stated our academic load shouldn't be lessened. Are these students masochists? Do they think that an education is only available in a classroom, notwithstanding the many thinkers and movers of society who never had a formal education? Maybe they haven't taken some of the classes that my wife and I have.

On the first day of an organic chemistry class, the professor stated that while the class was only worth three hours of credit, the students should treat the class as if it was worth five or six hours, and if they were taking more than 12 hours then they couldn't expect to do well in the class. Or how about marching band? When participation in a bowl game and individual practice time are excluded, the class demands an average of 12 hours a week with all the rehearsals and performances. It's probably worth only an hour of credit because it's just a fluffy music class, albeit a time-consuming one. Another example was a three-hour Dutch literature class with more than 950 pages of readings. After two years at BYU, the hours of credit my wife will earn next semester will finally be equal to the hours she'll spend in the classroom each week. Anyone in the natural sciences would surely envy such a schedule.

Something needs to change here. I don't expect a bunch of professors on tenure to heed such an appeal, so I call on the powers that be to consider the loads we have and make some changes. Subdivide heavy classes or give them credit equal to their demands. Is that too much to ask?

Eric Buhler
Provo

Rings insufficient

Dear Editor,

As a recently returned missionary, I am interested in dating and getting back into "girl-finding mode." At the same time, I still remember the wonderful truths I learned as a missionary. Of the many principles I taught, the concept of proper treatment of and relationships with the opposite sex was sometimes the most difficult to be accepted. Sometimes, even here at BYU, this concept can be problematic.

In one of his more important lessons to the Israelites, Jehovah taught, "Thou shalt not covet … thy neighbor's wife" (Exodus 20:17). While this grievous sin is beyond even the idea of any BYU student, the road to such a sin begins with a passing glance (see Matthew 5:28).

Here on campus there are literally thousands of attractive women (and I don't mean just on the outside). Many of us single guys will "check out" these women or talk to them and find them attractive to us. Meanwhile, sometimes these girls are married or engaged and we fail to see the ring, making us feel like idiots and, quite frankly, causing us to commit a sin (albeit unknowingly). We waste valuable time on married women instead of focusing our efforts on the single ones, who, last I checked, constantly complain about not dating enough.

We must remedy this situation. I propose that all married and engaged women wear some type of identifying device that lets the world know that they are "taken." A ring is not enough.

I'm not thinking of anything extreme, just a small balloon attached to the married woman's ring. Balloons are bright and becoming. They can accent any fashion style. While the sidewalks on campus might be a bit more cluttered during passing period with these balloons, it would save us single guys not just from embarrassment, but also from possible damnation.

While the solution is comical, the problem is still real and I would appreciate a discussion of the topic in your newspaper. Together we can find a solution.

I am bold. I am proud. I am single. I am BYU.

Todd Sierer
Omaha, Neb.

A modern proposal

Dear Editor,

I love Provo. I love the wonderful LDS atmosphere that exists here. I am grateful for the opportunity to be educated at such a fine university. BYU has some advanced and competitive programs, such as business, law and engineering.

With all of these intelligent people in my midst, I have been trying to come up with a wonderful idea to improve Provo, and I believe I struck gold. Now, if you are not sitting down, you may want to as I announce this stellar new thing. I call it a "sensor." You've probably never heard of them since they don't exist in Provo, due to the fact that our city planners aren't quite as intelligent as I am. I have seen them at home and I think they're really swell.

Here's how it works: You pull up to a red light and a sensor (great name, isn't it?) beneath you is triggered, so that your light promptly turns green. This will do away with waiting by yourself in the only car on the road at a red light for two minutes before it turns green. Another smashing idea of mine is to put a timer on the turn light too. That way, more than three cars will be able to turn before it changes to red and oncoming traffic starts to go.

Aren't these ideas amazing? I myself am quite excited. I'm sure Fred Flintstone would be proud of me, considering he designed Provo's current traffic light system. I feel the move from the Stone Age to the present will allow us to take advantage of all the great technology out there. I encourage all students to open your minds and think of ways to help improve your surroundings as I have so selflessly done. Three cheers for sensors!

Jacob Davies
San Diego

Readers' Forum letters policy

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Name, home town and phone number must accompany all letters. All letters are subject to editing for length and clarity. Letters must be submitted in person at BYU NewsNet offices, 5538 WSC, sent by e-mail at letters@du2.byu.edu (no attachments) or faxed to 378-2959. Andrea Ludlow, opinion editor, can be reached at 378-2957.

Ads disturbing

Dear Editor,

I recently learned that the popular c… ing company Abercrombie & Fitch … pornography in its catalogs as a w… advertise. This disturbed me as it sh… disturb most students at BYU. I w… guess that many students are not awa… this, as I only learned of it recently. I … this knowledge urges students to re… from supporting this company, becau… continuing to patronize them, we … rectly show acceptance of their … advertising techniques. I am not ca… on all BYU students to burn … Abercrombie & Fitch sweaters, but … least look at the company in a new … and take a stand against their tactics.

Doug Mumford
Bountiful

Fans just having fu…

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday a student wrote a lette… asked this question regarding the s… ing of the field after the football g… "What image did we give to the … with students stamping onto the field … in the background, the announceme… please stay off the field?"

Well, for a minute there, we a… tricked the world into thinking tha… were normal, fun, happy college stud… We almost had the world believing … BYU isn't full of bubble-dwellers.

I was getting kind of optimistic … the prospects. If our students are n… enough to storm the field after am… football games, then hey, maybe … time we could convince people tha… can actually have fun without se… alcohol. But alas, my hopes were d… by yet another overzealous attack o… malcy. I was told to hang my he… shame for storming the field. I gu… should be thankful.

It would truly be a horrible misu… standing if the world thought that … bers of the church were allowed to … sports.

Garret Christensen
Oceanside, Calif.

BCS musings

Dear Editor,

We hate to say it, but some of the … players and fans need a serious … check. We find the comments o… football player particularly amusi… does he really believe that BYU s… get a shot at Miami? Are you kid… Does he follow college football? D… see what Miami did to two solid … (Syracuse and Washington) the pa… weeks? Does he hope to expose ou… for the fraud that it is? We ech… thoughts of sports aficionado Jim … in saying that we are not deservin… BCS berth. The BSC rankings refle… only wins, but also strength of sch… and quality wins. Sure Tulane … Nevada are national powerhouse… they don't quite match up to SEC … Ten, and Pac Ten competitions.

In addition, if we are giving u… yards a game to teams like Wyo… then what do we think will happen … Chris Simms or Joey Harrington … shot at us?

Kudos to Coach Crowton and the … on a great year, but enough with t… for fair treatment. We haven't be… ranked team all year, and the bow… that we receive should reflect that. … luck to the team in Mississippi this …

Justin Chapman, Idaho Falls, Idaho
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Reading hosts Pulitzer winner

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When Ethel Handley passed away in 1996, her husband wanted to do something to commemorate her memory.

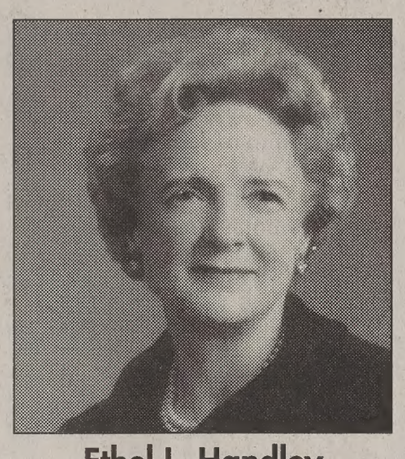
Now, two years after her husband G. Kenneth Handley's death, the first Ethel L. Handley Poetry Reading will take place in accordance with his wishes.

The first Ethel L. Handley poetry-reading participant will be Pulitzer Prize winner Charles Simic, according to the English Department.

"In her life, Ethel was a great appreciator of the arts and poetry," said George Handley, associate professor of humanities. "With this series, our objective was to invite the best poets of national and international stature to complement her interests."

A BYU graduate from the class of 1928, Ethel Handley obtained her degree in English and the dramatic arts, Handley said. She was vice president of the student body and a noted speaker and actress, he said.

"She was always a tremendous advocate of the arts — both when she lived in New York City and Salt Lake City," Handley said.



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Ethel Handley was also requested to read poetry at Tuesday Devotionals in the 1920s, Handley said.

"People responded to poetry readings in the 1920s over music or dance devotionals," he said.

Professor of contemporary American poetry at BYU, Lance Larsen said Simic has been a key mover and shaker in American poetry for the last thirty years.

Simic has been an influential translator and editor, Larsen said.

"Reading Simic is like having lunch at McDonald's with Hieronymus Bosch," Larsen said. "His poems are entertaining in the way that he mixes the everyday and the surreal with a chef's precision."

Simic said he plans to read a mixture of his new and old work on Friday, but with no overall theme in mind.

He said his poetry offers students and society the experience of good poetry.

"With classical music lovers, Beethoven or Mozart would give the experience of good music," Simic said. "I give it with poetry."

BYU will be the third visit on Simic's brief tour. During the tour, Simic said he is also visiting Westminster College and Los Angeles.

"These readings are a vital and exciting connection with living writers," said John Bennion, of the English Department. "In English classes, all the time we study dead writers, but this gives students an opportunity to be involved."

Future readers' prominence will vary from national and state renown to local, BYU readers, Bennion said.

The national readers will be invited through a coordinating agreement with Westminster College in Salt Lake, he said.

Bennion said the English department expects to see a 300- to 400-student turnout in the Varsity Theatre at Friday's noon reading. Bennion said all students are invited to attend.

Renowned voice to speak at Madsen

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The voice of the Tabernacle Choir, Lloyd D. Newell, will speak at a symposium at 11 a.m. today in the Madsen Recital Hall.

Newell, an assistant professor of church history and doctrine, has been a writer for and voice of the "Music and the Spoken Word" broadcast by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir since 1990.

Newell said that, unlike much of broadcasting, working with the Tabernacle Choir has been an opportunity to uplift and inspire viewers.

"The spoken word is the most fulfilling broadcasting I have ever done," Newell said. "It is a beloved American institution for over 73 years."

The weekly musical production, broadcast to more than 2,000 radio and television stations, is the longest continuous broadcast in the world, according to a news release. Newell's experience spans beyond Latter-day Saint productions.

Before teaching at BYU he was a news anchor for CBS and CNN.

Newell said he hopes to share with students the importance of creativity and curiosity.

"It's a people business. You are telling people's story," he said.

Newell said he feels communications students should obtain a broad liberal arts education by learning to think and write in classes that might be outside of their major.

"The mechanics of news can always be learned," he said.

Newell has also consulted for organizations of various sizes, including Westinghouse and General Motors.

As a writer and speaker, he has spoken to audiences around the world, including audiences in 45 states and more than a dozen countries.

Newell has a master's degree in communications and a doctorate in family science and human development, both from BYU.

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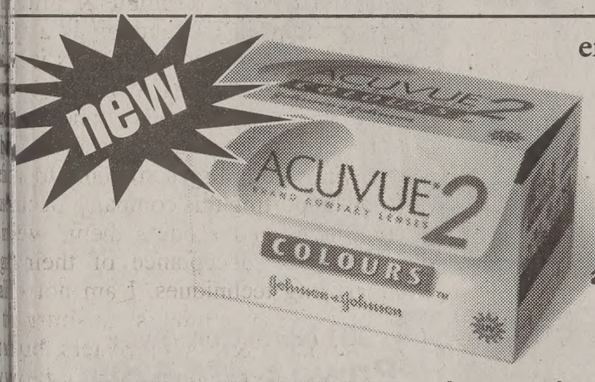

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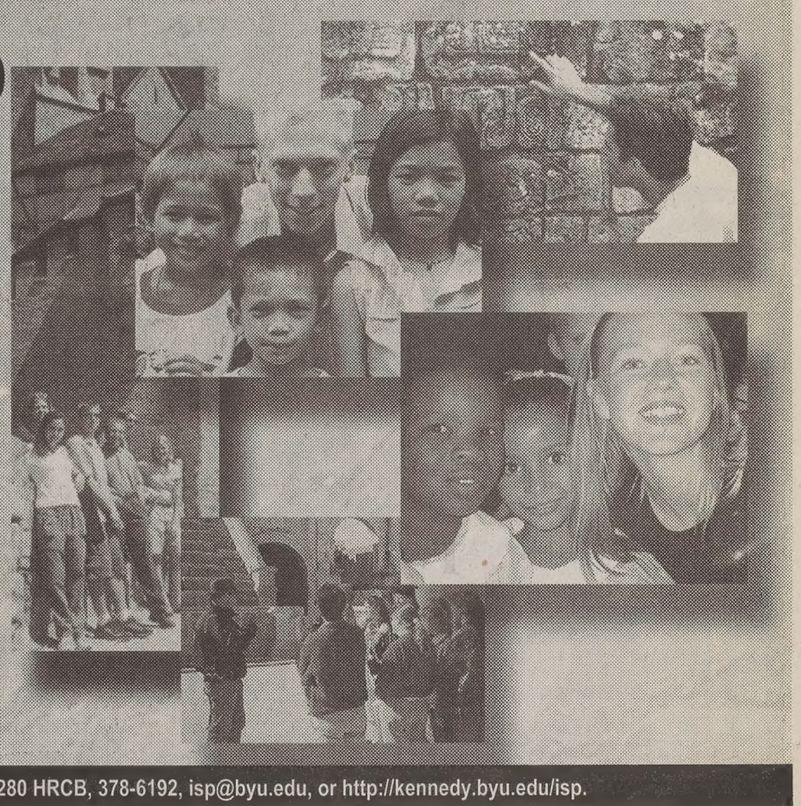

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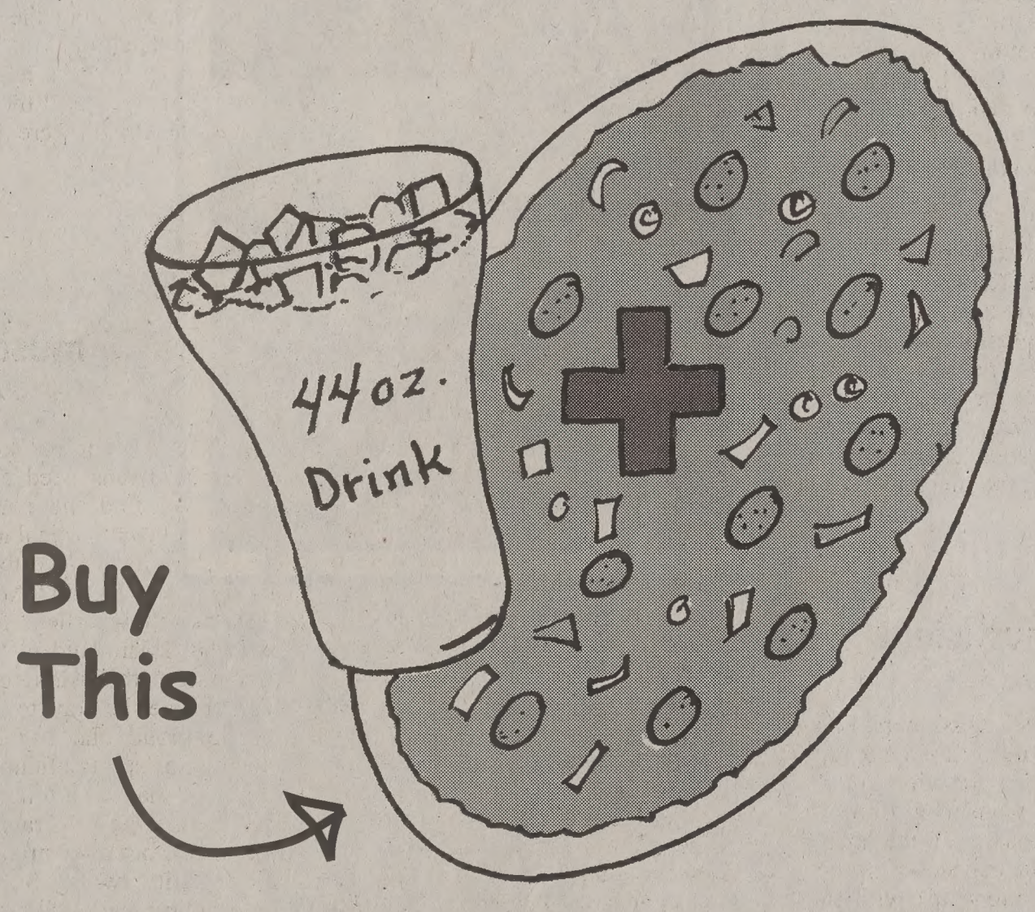

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Groundbreaking ski instructor an 'inspiration'

Photo courtesy of Maxine Bounous

Maxine Bounous demonstrates her technique on the slopes. Bounous was one of the first female ski instructors in Utah.

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Fifteen-mile hikes in Switzerland, helicopter skiing in Canada and scuba diving in Fiji are some of the dreams and hobbies of young outdoor enthusiasts.

But these activities are regulars in the life of 76-year-old Maxine Bounous.

Bounous, a 1950-BYU alumna and Provo native, began her love of outdoor activities as a child.

It intensified more than 50 years ago when she was introduced to the winter sport of skiing.

Bounous said her interest in skiing began during her college years at BYU.

"A girlfriend and I wanted to learn to ski, so we went to a meeting of the Timpanogos Mountain Club," she said.

It was at the meeting that Bounous meet her future husband, Junior Bounous, she said.

Junior Bounous, who was inducted into the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame three years ago, was an avid skier and offered to teach Maxine and her girlfriend, she said.

"I began skiing on borrowed, long wooden skis and rubber boots," Maxine Bounous said.

Maxine and Junior Bounous were married in 1951 and Maxine began teaching soon after, she said.

Bounous was groundbreaking in the realm of female ski instructors. She was one of the first certified women ski instructors in the intermountain area.

"Junior and I were recently awarded lifetime passes at Snowbird, for our 30 years of employment at the resort," Bounous said.

Joann Givan has been a fellow ski instructor with Maxine Bounous at Snowbird since the resort's opening in 1971.

"Maxine taught me how to powder ski," Givan said. "She skis anywhere, anytime, in any condition."

Givan said she praises Bounous' ability to connect with her students on the ski slopes.

"Maxine is so excited for life and is an inspiration for people to be around," Givan said.

Two of Maxine Bounous' ski pupils were her sons Barry and Steve, who have continued in their parents' love of skiing.

Barry, a music professor at BYU, followed in his parents' footsteps when he became a ski instructor at Alta and Sundance during his college years.

The Bounous's other son, Steve, was a member of the U.S. Ski Team and is the head coach of the Snowbird racing team, Barry Bounous said.

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movie," Jarman said.

The service can be downloaded at clearplay.com.

About 160 movie titles are available at a flat subscription rate of $70 a year.

About 15-20 movies are added each week.

The selection includes PG, PG-13 and R-rated movies, carefully chosen for their family themes.

Jarman said that although the editing guidelines are the same for the films — all graphic violence, profanity and sexual content is removed — the results aren't necessarily child-appropriate.

"With some movies, the premise of the movie isn't suitable for kids; we're not taking away that premise," Jarman said.

The service does, however, strive to help families promote responsible media viewing.

"It's a tool to help parents and individuals who want to enjoy a lot of the mainstream entertainment out there but not suffer through anything inappropriate or offensive," he said.

It is students, however, who Jarman said he thinks are most likely to benefit from ClearPlay because they have the technology to use the software.

And in Provo, there seems to be a demand for edited movies.

Clean Flicks, a club for renting edited movies, said they have over 1,500 members, with membership fees ranging from $30 a year to $25 a month.

Matthew Jarman, who actually was inspired to start ClearPlay while working for a local movie editing company, said he is pleased with his product.

"I think there are a lot of developments that we will continually improve on, but it works well right now," he said.

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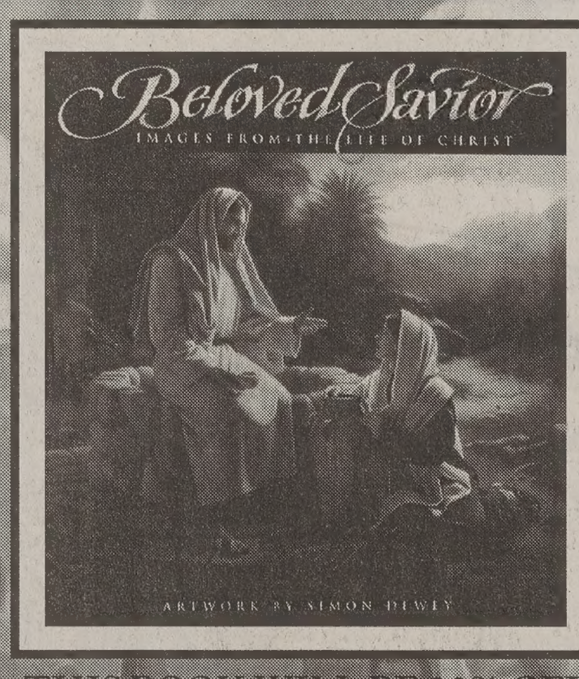

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NCAA volleyball tourney begins

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onight the final quest of the son starts for the No. 19 BYU men's volleyball team. The ugars plunge into NCAA tour- ment play with a match against ah State (19-10), at 6 p.m. on mson Court at the University Utah.

he Cougars, who are 45-10 time versus the Aggies, face U for the second consecutive r in the NCAA tournament. t season BYU lost to USU in regular season, but came back eat them in the second round he annual tournament.

he Cougars have played a er-coaster season, with heroic tories immediately followed difficult defeats. When BYU won, it has fed off the energy sts fans, and tonight will be no erent, said Elaine Michaelis, U women's volleyball coach.

t makes a difference to have support that our fans bring to Michaelis said.

hen Cougar fans cheer and ourage the team, the fans ld the team's confidence and succeed, Michaelis said.

ch support has been difficult come by, considering the gars had their worst outing of support this season while ting the Utah State Aggies on . 16. Michaelis said, however, team is now on a positive n.

ith senior middle blocker kie Bundy under the weather h the flu, and No. 1 Long ch State stifling the play of ior All-American Nina Puikkonen, the Cougars played a tremendously competitive match against the 49ers last Saturday.

BYU's increasingly good play bodes well for the Cougars, and is an ominous sign to USU.

There are several factors that contribute to the Cougar loss against USU. Perhaps the biggest reason BYU lost was lack of preparation, Michaelis said.

The inability to sufficiently prepare was partly attributed to the supposed mix-up of sharing game play tapes with each other. The mix-up was to the advantage of the relatively unknown Aggies.

BYU is led by Puikkonen, who averaged 4.23 kills, 2.28 digs and 1.60 blocks a game this season. Puikkonen averaged 0.298 percentage attacks a game.

All-West Region right side hitter Sunny Mahe adds to the potent BYU attack with 3.58 kills per game and a 0.318 attack percentage.

USU is led by first team all-Big West performer, senior middle blocker Michelle Matheson, who averages 2.86 kills per game with a 0.310 attack percentage.

The Aggies play in the competitive Big West conference, which features Long Beach, and nine of USU's losses have come at the hands of top-25 competition. USU is accustomed to playing high-level competition.

Puikkonen, who is in the final weeks of her BYU career, has demonstrated her ability to dominate on the court the past several weeks, punctuated with her triple-double performance against Cal Poly.

BYU has advanced to the Sweet 16 (tournament third round) five consecutive years, and it stands ninth in all-time wins with a 26-19 NCAA Tournament record.

In line with BYU volleyball tradition, Puikkonen expects the Cougars to win and advance.

"I still have a lot of confidence in this team," Puikkonen said. "We still expect a lot from this season."

Michaelis said USU will not walk all over the Cougars again.

"There's no way we can play that badly against them again," she said.

The winner of the USU vs. BYU match will play the winner of the Texas Tech vs. Utah match on Friday at 7 p.m. at Crimson Court.

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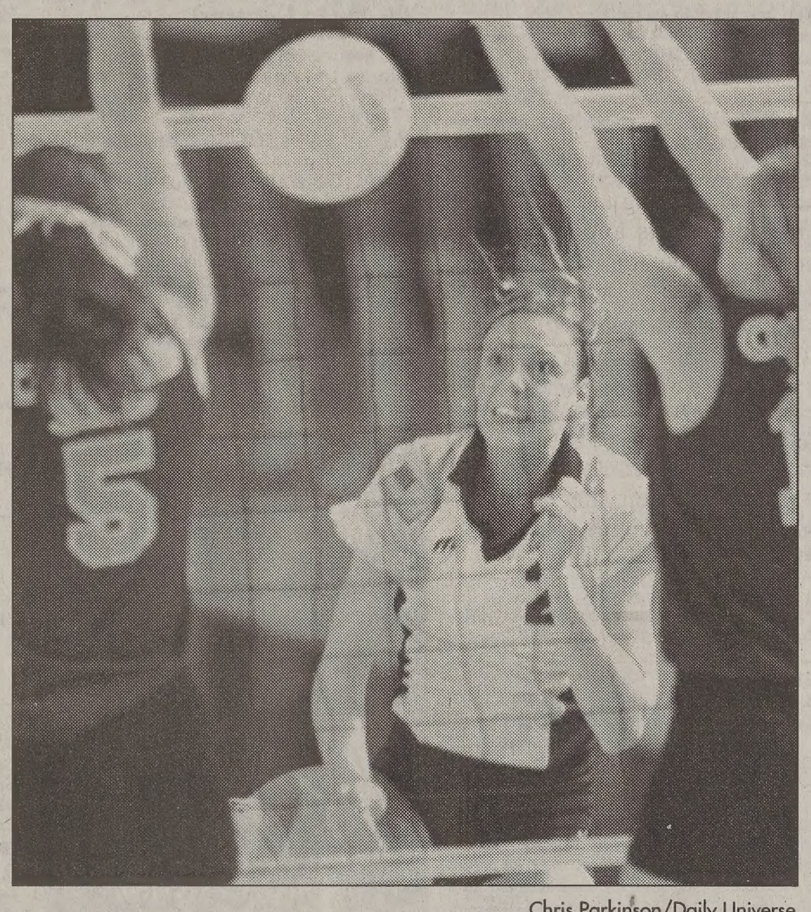

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BYU outside hitter Natalie Whitttaker slams the ball past two Colorado State defenders in a game earlier this season. BYU plays USU in first-round NCAA tourney action tonight.

Women hoopsters face USC on road

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"We need to get this win. We can win and we know that."
—Stacy Jensen, BYU guard

The BYU women's basketball team will face the University of Southern California today. Tip-off is 7 p.m. PST at the L.A. Sports Arena.

BYU's last meeting with USC took place in 1987 when the Trojans beat the Cougars 93-83 in Provo.

BYU head coach Jeff Judkins said USC is a more talented team than those his team has played.

"They're the most athletic team we'll play all year," Judkins said.

USC is 2-3 this season, and has three returning starters from last year.

Despite their less-than-perfect record, the Trojans are strong in shooting percentage, shooting 41 percent from the field and 70 percent from the free throw line.

Both teams have lost this year to the Texas Longhorns — BYU by 16 points and USC by two.

In order to grab the win, the Cougars will have to be on their toes defensively and get their offense running. Solid play from BYU starters and help from the bench will be essential.

Guard Stacy Jensen said USC is a must-win game.

"We need to get this win. We can win and we know that," Jensen said.

After the Cougars' game in California, they will travel to Ogden to play Weber State on Dec. 1.

On Tuesday, the BYU women's basketball team fell to the UCLA Bruins 73-62 in California.

"We just didn't do the little things," Judkins said. "We didn't execute. We didn't come through on defensive stops and we didn't run our offense."

The Bruins trailed the Cougars by eight points in the first half and came back with an 18-3 run, enabling their win.

UCLA's head coach Kathy Olivier said her team made some big rebounds and big baskets down the stretch. Help from the bench contributed to the team's success as well.

UCLA ended with 47 points in the second half and only committed 19 personal fouls in the game, compared to BYU's 31.

The bright side is that the Cougars kept pace with UCLA for most of the contest, despite an off game for the team's starters.

UCLA effectively contained top scorer Erin Thorn, holding her to 13 points. Thorn's average before meeting the Bruins was 24.3 points per game.

Forward Jennifer Leitner scored 12 points and pulled down a season high of 13 rebounds in her first start of the season.

Men's b-ball loses to UCSB

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he Cougars lost to UC Santa rbara 68-58 in a tough road last night.

he Gauchos held the Cougars ix field goals in the second T. The high-scoring trio of is Hansen, Eric Nielsen, and k Bigelow shot 10 for 33 for game.

echnical fouls killed the gars' chances to win the e. The first foul came with remaining in the first half.

he Cougars were clinging to a en-point lead, when head h Steve Cleveland picked up chnical foul.

The technical fouls were very mely for us tonight," Cleve- said.

he Gauchos converted the free ws. They then stole the ball scored a lay-up, cutting the gar lead to three points.

he second technical foul came six minutes remaining in the le. Hansen got into a scuffle received a technical foul.

he Gauchos again hit the free ws to cut the Cougar lead to The fans and players got d up, and BYU lost all mentum.

Mark Hull took over for the chos, scoring 23 points for game.

UYU was led in scoring by w's 15 points. However, he only three points in the sec- half.

bright spot for the Cougars the play of freshmen center U Jensen. Jensen chipped in points and 6 rebounds.

just need to step up and play game even better," Jensen "I've got to get into the role e been assigned."

UYU's other big man, Eric nsen, was a non-factor in the e. He was in foul trouble of the night, and contributed three points.

We need Nielsen to make a ribution on the road," Cleve- said.

olzgelow, BYU's leading scorer, 2 points on four three-point- n the first half. The Gauchos e to a zone defense, and held Cougars to only one three- ner in the second half.

e Cougars will have a much her opponent in their next game.

e Cougars travel to Logan to on the Utah State Aggies on day.

e Aggies were one of the hest defensive teams in the n last year. The Aggies are feated heading into the , while the Cougars are now

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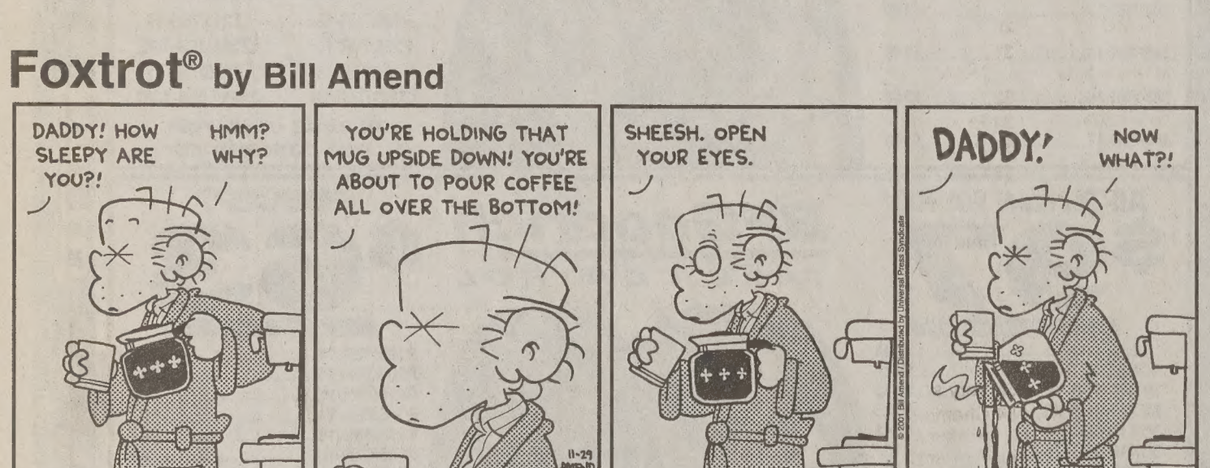
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Delta creates express lane for security

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ATLANTA — Frequent fliers Delta Air Lines can get more an free mileage. The carrier is rving its best customers shorter nes for security checks.

Delta, the nation's third largest irline, has created an express ne at the main security check-oint at Hartsfield Atlanta Inter-ational Airport to be used by its old and platinum medallion embers of its SkyMiles fre-uent flier program.

First-class and Business-Elite assengers also are eligible.

"Right now, there is too much assle in our system," Delta hairman Leo Mullin said. "We ave to get the balance back in here."

The express lanes, started at artsfield about 10 days ago, so are being tried in Cincinnati, alt Lake City, Boston and New ork.

"We're literally testing the ows, testing what we can han-e," Delta spokesman John ennedy said.

Although the express lanes cre-e a double standard for Delta ravelers, airline officials said verting top customers will also in lines used by others.

The checking procedures are e same as in other lines, ennedy said, but the smaller mber of people cuts down on e wait. Several hundred passen-rs a day use it, he said.

Many Medallion passengers fly veral times a week on business d supply a disproportionate rcentage of airline revenue.

Following the Sept. 11 terror acks, Delta and other airlines e trying to adjust to tighter curity while keeping air travel nvenient.

Mullin said Tuesday that Delta ership is down 15 to 20 per-nt, and revenue is off 30 per-nt since the attacks on the orld Trade Towers and the Pen-gon.

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cover these costs, said Richard hite, university treasurer.

However, when credit cards are entually accepted at the ougareat, prices will not crease to cover service fees, now said.

Because credit cards are not cepted at the Cougareat some dents find other places to eat.

I eat at the Twilight Zone tead of the Cougareat because an use my card," said Ronnie elman, 21, a sophomore from onroe, La., majoring in politi-science.

teelman said he would eat at Cougareat more often if credit ds were accepted.

he reason credit card transac-ns can occur rapidly at the ilight Zone is because it is part the Bookstore, which has its n high-speed system, which is ependent from BYU, to accept dit cards, Schow said.

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ut some students said they dis-ee.

t is a hassle to transfer funds n a credit card to your Signa-e Card because you end up iting in more lines," said drea Taylor, 20, a junior m Mansfield, Texas, major-in animal science.

students who do not carry h and prefer to use a credit d are frustrated by this poli-she said.

ntil a solution is presented dents will have to look for rnatives to using credit cards e Cougareat.

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that they're of the view that security is actually pretty good at the moment," Dobbins said, referring to the northern alliance.

Though no decision has been made yet on a multinational force, Turkey, Indonesia and New Zealand have offered to contribute troops. U.S. officials have also cited Bangladesh and Jordan as possible participants.

But many Afghan fighters are hostile to the idea of any international troops on their soil, recalling a long history of battling foreign occupiers, from the British Empire in the 19th century to the Soviets in the 20th.

Qanooni also dampened expectations building at the talks that the exiled former king would head an interim administration, saying he would have a role only if elected by a traditional national council, called a loya jirga.

"We don't believe in the role of a person and personalities. We believe in a system," Qanooni said. "If the people agree through a loya jirga that the king has a role, of course, no one can deny that."

Delegates from other factions at the conference indicated earlier Wednesday that consensus was growing around the ex-king as head of a transitional administration.

The first goal of the talks is to decide on an interim administration that will run Afghanistan until a loya jirga can convene, possibly as early as March. Tribal leaders at the initial loya jirga would approve a transitional government to be in place for up to two years, leading to a second loya jirga, which would approve a constitution and set the stage for elections.

Fatima Gailani, an adviser to one of the four groups negotiating at the talks, said Wednesday that the delegates appeared to be nearing agreement that former King Mohammad Zaher Shah, 87, would run that first administration. Zaher Shah has been living in exile in Rome since being overthrown in 1973.

"The majority, everyone agrees that whatever procedure, he will be the head of it. How much power he will have, we have to discuss this," said Gailani, who is advising the delegation of exiles based in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Taliban leader urges soldiers to fight Americans to the death

Associated Press

> "We are ready to face these Americans."
>
> —Mullah Mohammed Omar, Taliban supreme leader

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban's supreme leader radioed his commanders Wednesday and called on them to fight to the death against Americans in southern Afghanistan, where U.S. Marines were building up their forces at a desert base.

In the north, anti-Taliban forces began clearing the bodies of hundreds of fighters loyal to Osama bin Laden killed during a three-day prison uprising near Mazar-e-Sharif.

U.S. officials confirmed that CIA officer Johnny M. Spann was killed in the uprising — the first American combat death of the war against terrorism.

The Pentagon said Wednesday that U.S. airstrikes damaged a compound near the Taliban's last stronghold, Kandahar, believed to be used by senior figures from the Taliban or bin Laden's al-Qaida movement. It was unclear if any were killed.

Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said a "confluence of intelligence" indicated that senior Taliban leaders were in the building, including supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, but "we do not have any sense Omar was there."

However, the Pakistan-based South Asian Dispatch Agency quoted a Taliban spokesman, Mullah Abdul Wahab Khairkhwah, as saying Omar was "not too far" from the site when the attack occurred late Tuesday.

The agency quoted an unidentified Taliban official as saying Omar was whisked away at the last moment when militia counterintelligence noted the presence of two men suspected of working for the Americans.

"I think Tuesday was the last day for these two men," the official was quoted as saying.

On Wednesday, the Taliban's supreme leader told his commanders to hold fast.

"Stick to your positions and fight to the death," Taliban official Hafiz Majidullah quoted Omar as saying.

"We are ready to face these Americans. We are happy that they have landed here and we will teach them a lesson."

Taliban fighters respond to leaflets

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Leaflets dropped by American planes over Afghanistan are starting to persuade some Taliban troops to give up their fight, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

"We're happy about that," said spokesman Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem.

Stufflebeem said planes continue to drop leaflets with a number of messages, including those giving information on humanitarian aid, wanted posters on Taliban and al-Qaida leadership and some to prompt defections in the few remaining parts of the country where fighters are still resisting opposition forces.

"We are still delivering messages to have those pockets of resistance ... those kinds of individuals surrender and give up their fight," Stufflebeem told a Pentagon press conference.

"We are starting to see some success from those," he said. "In having interviews with those who are detained, there is information that is coming forward that they are having a positive effect."

Earlier, the Pentagon reported that U.S. airstrikes damaged a compound believed used by senior Taliban or al-Qaida figures but it is unclear if any were killed.

"They had a confluence of intelligence which led us to believe there was senior leadership in the building," said Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke.

"We do not have names, we don't have a sense of exactly who was in there.

We do not have any sense that Omar was there," she said referring to Taliban head Mullah Mohammed Omar.

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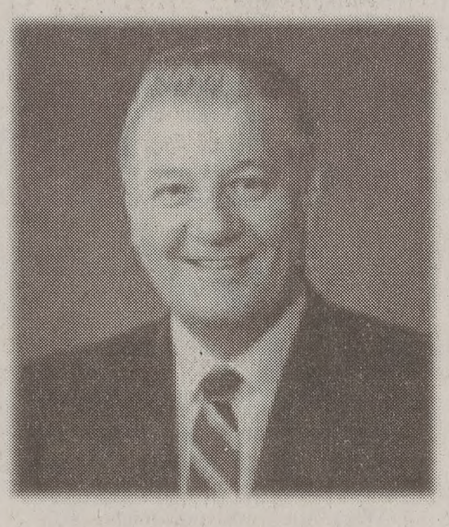

Elder John H. Groberg

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Elder John H. Groberg has been a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since April 1976. He now serves as president of the Utah South Area.

Previously the executive administrator for several areas of the Church—the Hawaii/Tonga/Tahiti/Fiji/Samoa/Micronesia; Nevada/Arizona; U.S. North Central; and Northern California areas—he has also served in the Utah North, Utah South, North America West, South America South, and Asia area presidencies.

Elder Groberg has served as a regional representative, as president of the Tonga Mission, where he served earlier as a missionary, and as a bishop in Idaho Falls.

After graduating from Brigham Young University he received his master of business administration degree from Indiana University, where he also taught.

A native of Idaho Falls, he was engaged for many years in the real estate, development, and construction business there.

He is married to the former Jean Sabin, who was born in Utah but raised in California. They are the parents of eleven children.

During this assembly Elder Groberg will speak about his missionary experiences in Polynesia. He will share highlights from the soon-to-be-released autobiographical film based on his book *In the Eye of the Storm.*

A brief question-and-answer session will be held after the devotional. Questions need to be submitted in advance. Please submit questions by e-mail to georgia_rasmussen@byu.edu by Friday, November 30, at 5 p.m.

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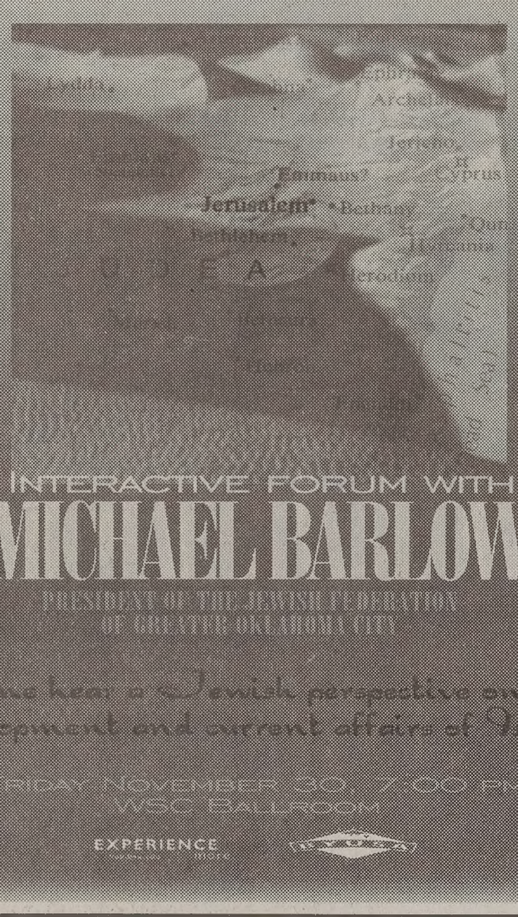

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15 Fine horse
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17 Dessert made with pineapple
19 Deli order
20 Some facial features
21 Out-and-out
22 Like some golf balls
23 Six, in Tuscany
24 Phone trio
25 Body of work
27 Was considered special
29 Flip
31 Strauss's "___ Heidenleben"
32 Play stations?
34 Produced
36 Alliance
39 Car opener?
41 Gridiron move
42 Left ventricle attachment
44 Hunk
46 William, to Diana
47 Partied, so to speak
49 Sentences
52 Very soon
54 Chamber worker?: Abbr.
55 Part of i.o.u.
57 Old ___, Conn.
58 "___ letter" (office order)
61 War maker
62 Wild goat
63 Title song of a Duke Ellington album
65 Gérard Depardieu work
66 One may be turning
67 Make merry
68 Red army?
69 Caltech grad: Abbr.
70 Be economical with

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2 More of a buttinsky
3 Concert pianist de Larrocha
4 Nugent and Turner
5 Letters ending a PC code file name
6 See 35-Down
7 "I smell ___!"
8 Shed item
9 Shakespearean fairy
10 African language
11 Soap ingredient
12 Rental stables
13 They get you nowhere
18 Where they say "G'day!"
24 Riviera vista
26 Cosmo staff
28 Social grace
29 Yo-yoing
30 This, to Jorge
33 Like some drink orders
35 With 6-Down, a logician's phrase
36 Vatican attraction
37 Zoo, so to speak
38 Gargoyle, e.g.
40 Like native llamas
43 Ripen
45 Charged item
48 Eightfold
50 Doctor in an H. G. Wells title
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54 One who'll put you in stitches?
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59 ___ impasse
60 King ___
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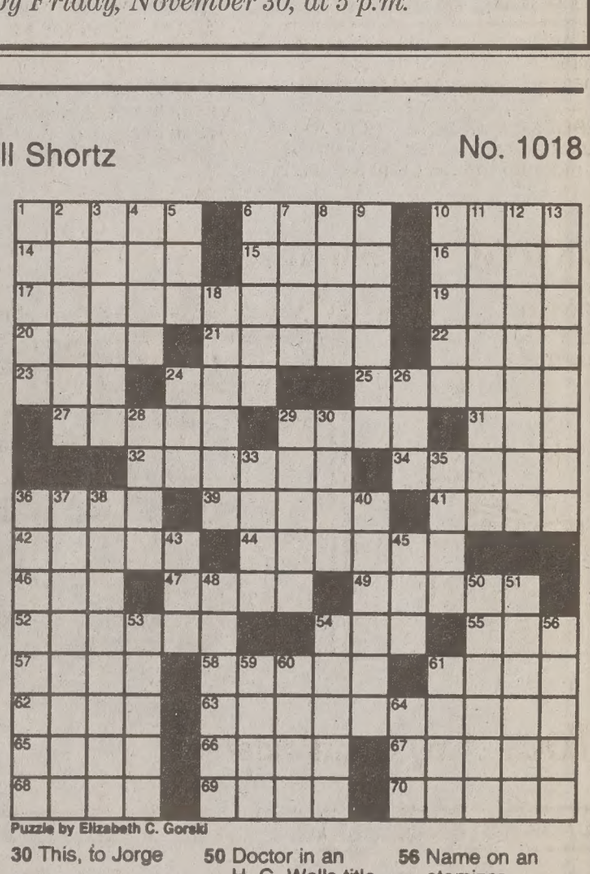
64 Sedative, informally



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U.S. economy weakens in October and November

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy, jolted by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, weakened further in October and November, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday. Production declined at American factories, and airlines and hotels struggled with a sharp drop-off in travel.

In its latest survey of economic conditions around the country, the Fed found "evidence of additional slowing in most regions" and said this outweighed the faint signs of recovery reported by a few Fed districts.

The survey, compiled from information supplied by the Fed's 12 regional banks, will be used by policymakers when they hold their last meeting of the year on Dec. 11 to consider changes in interest rates.

On Monday, the economy was officially declared by the National Bureau of Economic Research to have been in recession since March. The downturn is the first in a decade.

Many economists believe the central bank will cut interest rates for an 11th time this year at the December meeting in a continued effort to lessen the severity of the downturn.

> "Store managers had already begun discounting prices in some areas to counteract weak customer traffic."
>
> — Federal Reserve

The Fed report did find some evidence of a rebound in activity, particularly in sales of autos, which soared to record levels in October as consumers responded to attractive offers of free financing.

However, the report said that non-auto sales were spotty, with strong sales in some regions offset by weaker activity in other parts of the country.

Retailers in many parts have begun bracing for a disappointing Christmas sales season, the central bank said.

"Store managers had already begun discounting prices in some areas to counteract weak customer traffic," the report said.

The Conference Board reported Tuesday that consumer confidence fell in November for a fifth straight month, reflecting growing concerns by Americans about the recession's impact on the labor market. The unemployment rate shot up to 5.4 percent in October as 415,000 Americans lost their jobs, the largest number in 21 years.

The Fed reported that the rising number of layoffs had taken pressure off wages and that the weak economy was keeping a lid on inflation generally. Prices of cars, gasoline and computers fell during the survey period while prices of insurance and health care rose.

Analysts say the Fed, which has already pushed interest rates down to the lowest level in 40 years, will keep cutting rates until there are signs that the economy has stabilized and begun to rebound.

Hostages released in Philippines

Associated Press

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines — Eighty-nine hostages — most still in the nightclothes they were wearing when seized — were freed Wednesday by Muslim rebels in a deal with the government to end the two-day standoff.

For releasing their captives, the rebels loyal to a renegade local governor were allowed to move to another guerrilla camp 40 miles away and — at least temporarily — avoid prosecution.

"As of this time, we will not file criminal charges," said military spokesman Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan. "It's up to the police, really."

In return, Julhambri Misuari, a leader of a rebel faction of the separatist Moro National Liberation Front, said, "We will not be pursued and we will commit no trouble."

Misuari is the nephew of Nur Misuari, the southern governor being investigated by Malaysian authorities for possible connections to Abu Sayyaf, an Islamic rebel group linked to the al-Qaida terrorist group.

Misuari was arrested Saturday in Malaysian waters as he tried to flee a manhunt in the Philippines. Misuari, who lost the MNLF leadership earlier this year and was about to lose the governor's post, has been accused of fomenting an attack last week on an army base in order to disrupt elections for his successor.

Rebels loyal to the governor initially took 118 hostages, including entire families, creeping into their homes while they slept and dragging them away early Tuesday to a compound. They then threatened to kill them.

Warplanes and helicopter gunships pounded the compound, killing at least 25 rebels.

Negotiations to end the standoff dragged on past midnight in a house near the hilly park outside Zamboanga in the southern Philippines.

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> — Jilhambri Misuari, Rebel faction leader

The rebels freed eight hostages during a forced march, in which the captives were roped together as human shields, then set free 21 others following negotiations.

In the end, the 250 rebels were allowed to keep their weapons, including rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and automatic rifles, and move to another guerrilla camp on trucks, escorted by police and soldiers.

They left behind the 89 hostages — 55 men, 25 women and nine children.

Olympic 'World of Ice' seeks volunteers

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Although the Salt Lake Organizing Committee has had to limit volunteer numbers because of the flood of applications it received, there are still many ways to get involved in the Games.

Nu Skin Enterprises is currently looking for 1,000 to 1,500 volunteers to help host its Olympic World of Ice.

The World of Ice, an official Olympic event, will consist of seven 20 to 30 foot ice sculptures that represent the seven continents of the world, said Telsa Welch, Nu Skin corporate communications specialist.

Volunteers for the event will work as tour guides, ice-rink staff, crowd-control personnel, parking attendants and other positions, Welch said.

Olympic involvement opportunities are also available during Games time with SLOC.

Thousands of positions are available in logistics, transportation, security, food service, parking and waste management, McCarthy said.

The United Way of Utah County also has a list of available Olympic positions on their Website at www.unitedwayuc.org.

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